

Pet. Centre, Tuesday, Jan. 5.

Time of Closing Mails.

P. O., PETROLEUM CENTRE, PA., JULY 27th, 1868. Unfurther notice the mails will arrive at and depart from this office as follows: ARRIVE: South and East, via Irvinston, 10.28 A. M. South and West, " Meadville, 5.15 P. M. North and East, " Corry, 2.56 "

Divine Services. PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. Preaching at 11 o'clock A. M., and 7 o'clock P. M. Rev. J. T. Oxtory, Pastor.

M. E. CHURCH. Services every Sabbath at 11 A. M. and 7.15 P. M. Sabbath School at twelve o'clock M. Seats Free. A cordial invitation extended to all. Rev. C. M. Heard, Pastor.

ST. PETER AND PAUL'S (CATHOLIC) CHURCH. Mass at 10.15 a. m. Vespers and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 4 p. m. Catechism at 2 p. m. JAMES DUNN, Pastor.

It is asserted that the incoming administration intends to set aside the doctrine that "to the victors belong the spoils," looking only to the honesty and capacity of the officials, not interfering with them on account of political opinions. That was the style in Jefferson's days, but since the time of Andrew Jackson the other principle has prevailed and been strictly acted up to by all political parties. To set it aside will be a herculean task, which we are inclined to think the new administration will be hardly equal to. Should General Grant succeed in flanking the great army of office-seekers, it would be one of his greatest achievements. Office-seeking has been for years the bane of American politics, and done much to corrupt the ballot-box. But the evil has grown to such enormous proportions, that it will take a tremendous power to break it up. Nearly every one who takes a leading part in politics in any little community, does so with a view to some substantial reward in the future, in the shape of an office. And after all it seems no more than right that those who do the hard work, who are in the van of the battle, who spend their time and money for the cause, should be in some way rewarded.

GODWIN tells the following story, which amusingly illustrates the capacity for drink of the Rhinelanders:

"The Bishop of Mayence once delivered a sermon against drunkenness, and, after painting in the strongest colors the evils of over-indulgence, concluded as follows: 'But the abuse of wine does not exclude its use, for it is written that wine rejoices the heart of man. Probably there is no one in my congregation who cannot drink four bottles of wine without feeling any disturbance of his senses; but if any man at the seventh or eighth bottle so far forgets himself as to abuse and strike his wife and children and treat his best friends as enemies, let him look into his conscience, and in future always stop at the sixth bottle. Yet if after drinking eight, or even ten or twelve bottles he can still take his Christian neighbor lovingly by the hand, and obey the orders of his spiritual and temporal superiors, let him thankfully drink his modest draught. He must be careful however, as to taking any more, for it is seldom that Providence gives any one the special grace to drink sixteen bottles at a sitting, as it has enabled me, its unworthy servant, to do, without either neglecting my duties or losing my temper.'

To-night Messrs. Carner & Peterson open with their splendid theatrical combination at the Opera House in this place. The programme for this evening is a fine one. "Black-Eyed Susan" and "Rip Van Winkle" will be brought out. This company have some of the finest scenery ever brought into the oil region. The justly celebrated young actor, Mark Bates, is now with the company. There will no doubt be a crowded house this evening.

We had a call to-day from Mr. J. A. Whitaker, of the Venango Spectator, who is enjoying a little trip up the creek. We were happy to meet him, and hope this will not be his last visit to Petroleum. The Spectator is always lively and readable, and needs no praise, for which the Whitakers are entitled to the credit.

A Washington letter states that the bill to take the Indian Bureau a separate department meets with strong opposition, and will probably be carried to the next Congress, together with the financial question.

OIL CITY CORRESPONDENCE.

OIL CITY, Jan. 5.

Yesterday morning Mrs. Joseph Stillwell, residing on Centre street, died from the effects of an overdose of laudanum which she had taken.

The firm of Reynolds, Brodhead & Co., in Excelsior Block, Centre street, are doing a very heavy business. They are well known in town for their reasonable prices, and have always a large and varied assortment of goods in their line. J. J. Brodhead of this firm is our worthy Burgess, and we have heard his name spoken of as the most available and popular man the Republicans could run for Assembly next fall.

We have been asked if the office of clerk to the board of Commissioners was specially created for the benefit of the present incumbent. If not, some of our citizens having business with the County Commissioners office, are of opinion that it is about time there was a change.

LETTER FROM TITUSVILLE.

TITUSVILLE, Dec. 31.

A visit to Pleasantville yesterday and a protracted ramble among the large, small, and non-producing wells, forced us to the conclusion that the Oil-dorado has seen its best and palmiest days. In short, it has now to rely on its own merits as the bubble will bear no further inflation.

In Titusville things look lively. We never saw a town of its size exhibiting more enterprise, and it is this that insures success and prosperity in any community.

The Fair for the benefit of the Sisters of Charity, is in progress at Corinthian Hall, which is elegantly decorated for the occasion. The warm appreciation in which the Sisters are held is manifest from the fact that during the last three nights the Fair has netted \$1,057. The Rev. N. Mignault, the pastor of the Catholic Church is one of the most justly popular gentlemen here. Arriving at the height of the oil excitement when crime was rampant he found a basement, only, of a church and \$1,500 debt on it. He has built a fine brick church, beautifully frescoed and quite finished inside, a commodious residence and a convent for the Sisters of Charity, having paid \$51,000 on the property.

The sisters have eleven orphans in the house, several of whom would otherwise be a charge on the City Treasury. They also have a school with boarders and day scholars from both Protestant and Catholic families. Their house is a picture of neatness, and the happy faces of the little orphans tell the tale that a mother's place is filled as far as affection and tender care can do it.

Father Mignault has a fine chime of bells, two of which are mounted and will be quite an acquisition to the town.

CHICAGO celebrated New Year's by the informal opening of the Washington street Tunnel, underneath the Chicago river. At eleven o'clock that morning, Mayor Rice the members of the Common Council, M. C. L. shroug, the engineer; the Board of Public Works, and the Fire Commissioners proceeded through the roadway in carriages, followed by two of the steam-fire engines that several times pumped out the water when the tunnel was flooded. The gas in the passenger way is fixed, but that in the carriage way was only temporarily put up on Sunday night. The contractors will resume charge until they entirely finish the tunnel. The work was commenced on July 25th, 1868 its cost will be nearly \$3,500,000 it is estimated.

OUR neighbors, of the Titusville Herald, in noticing an article which we published the other day upon properly supporting a local paper, very truthfully remark:

"Every business man should feel directly interested in sustaining his local newspaper, for its continued publication is the best evidence that can be offered of the public spirit and enterprise of the community, and its suspension invariably indicates a decreasing prosperity."

Every word of the above is strictly true.

The firm of Reynolds, Brodhead & Co., of Oil City, is doing a very heavy business. Their establishment is extensive, and their assortment of goods large. They also have a great variety of goods. You can purchase of them anything in the Dry Goods, Hardware and Crockery line. Any of our up creek friends going to Oil City to trade will do well to give them a call.

The new restaurant of Eddy & Sands, on Washington street, next door to Isham's, is now open. They have a neatly furnished dining room, and are ready to entertain their guests in first rate style. Give them a call.

We publish to-day an interesting letter from our correspondent JEAN from Titusville, which should have come to hand before, but for some reason has been delayed.

The Catholic Fair closed last evening. Financially and in other respects it has been a complete success.

A. V. M.—Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The officers of the Grand Lodge of Masons of Pennsylvania were installed into their respective positions at the hall in Philadelphia on Monday last. They are as follows: R. W. G. R. A. Lambertson; R. W. S. G. Warden, Samuel C. Perkins; R. W. J. G. Warden, Alfred R. Porter; R. W. G. Treasurer, Peter Williamson; R. W. G. Secretary John Thompson.

The Right Worshipful Grand Master then announced his appointments for the ensuing Masonic year, among which are the following:

Grand Chaplains—Robert M. Wallace, Altoona, Morrison Byliss, Meadville; J. L. Mellyar, Pittsburgh.

District Deputy Grand Masters—The following are the appointments for western counties:

Brother G. W. Potts, of Altoona, for the counties of Huntingdon, Blair and Bedford. Brother G. Metzger, of Emporium, for the counties of Elk, Cameron, McKean and Jefferson.

Brother John Lawshe, of Osceola, for the counties of Center, Clearfield and Clinton. Brother G. C. Kugler, of Greenville, for the counties of Butler, Lawrence and Mercer.

Brother Richard Coulter, of Greensburg, for the Counties of Westmorland and Indiana.

Brother A. M. Pollock, of Pittsburgh, for the counties of Allegheny and Beaver.

Brother Wm. W. Berr of Clarion, for the counties of Clarion, Cambria and Armstrong.

Brother J. D. Archeson, of Washington, for the counties of Washington and Greene.

Brother C. H. Hoover, of Franklin, for the counties of Warren, Venango and Forest.

Brother Person Church, of Meadville, for the county of Crawford.

Brother Wm. Chatland, of Brownsville, for the counties of Fayette and Somerset.

Brother Wm. Henrod, jr., of Erie, for the county of Erie.

THE Herald correspondent has had an interview with Senator Morgan, and reports him on the suffrage question thus:

"Do you favor this proposed legislation in regard to manhood suffrage?" "Well, I don't see its practicability. Universal suffrage has been voted down in a good many of the Northern States, and I suppose it would be out of order for the legislatures of these States to accept the proposed amendment against the will of the people. A three-fourths majority cannot consequently be secured. We must therefore await a change of heart, or keep dinging away till we make ourselves masters of the situation. The New York Legislature could vote in the affirmative on the amendment, as it is under no implied pledge given in the expressed vote of the people on the question. The Legislature of a State like Ohio has heard the verdict of its citizens on negro suffrage, and it might feel bound to act in accordance therewith when this amendment is submitted to it."

A dispatch from Harrisburg dated Jan. 3, says: Forty-five Republican members of the House held a caucus yesterday, and nominated John Clark, of Philadelphia, for Speaker. His election is certain. The caucus appointed a committee, consisting of Messrs. Wilson and Humphrey of Allegheny, Hoffman of Dauphin, Barritt of Susquehanna, and Hong of Philadelphia, to report minor officers to the regular caucus to-morrow evening. These minor officers are not to include clerkships or other offices.

The Senate Republican caucus meets to-morrow afternoon. All the old officers will be re-elected generally.

No developments about the United States Senatorship. Everything is in doubt, and nothing certain. There are but few Democrats here yet.

EXCESSIVE.—A merchant was accustomed to demand an excuse whenever his clerks arrived late. The excuse given, he invariably added: "Very well; but don't let it happen again." One morning a married clerk, being behind time, was promptly interrogated as to the cause. Slightly embarrassed, he replied: "The truth is, Sir, I had an addition to my family this morning, and it was not convenient to be here sooner." "Very well," said the merchant, in his quick, nervous manner. "Very well; but don't let it happen again!"

The Commissioner of Internal Revenue has decided that Farmers have no right to have their grain manufactured into flour, and then sell the flour in any manner, without paying a license to the government. And if they do, they are liable to the penalties provided by law. We mention the fact for the benefit of those who may be interested in knowing it.

Some of the railways of Europe have lately adopted a system of low fares, and their profits are reported to be greatly increased.

Local Notices.

HATS, CAPS, BOOTS and SHOES.—A large assortment of REYNOLDS, BRODHEAD & CO'S, No. 11 Centre Street, opposite the Post Office, Oil City, Pa.

New Flour, Feed and Grocery Store! J. S. PRATHER,

At the OLD BANK BUILDING, ON MAIN-ST., opposite the McClintock House, has on hand a large and first class stock of FLOUR, FEED and GROCERIES, which he is selling at a low figure. Don't forget the place—where A. D. Cotton & Company broke up. Jan 4th.

VARIETY STORE.

AT W. H. NICHOLSON & CO'S

Can be found a complete stock of Blank Books, full and half bound, from 10c. to \$1.10 a quire, Blank Notes, Drafts and Receipts Books.

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Complete stock of DIARIES for 1869.

Finest brands of Smoking and Chewing Tobaccos Combs, Hair and Clothes Brushes of all styles, with a complete assortment of Fancy Goods.

Also, a Circulating Library, composed of standard works and the latest out. Terms only \$2.50 for six months. dec 1-11.

Dry Goods, a large stock at REYNOLDS, BRODHEAD & CO'S, No. 11 Centre St., opposite the Post Office, Oil City, Pa.

LADIES wishing to make an appropriate present, will find beautiful SLIPPER PATTERNS at A. S. SMITH'S Boot & Shoe Store dec 31st.

BIRD CAGES, wholesale and retail. Thirty-four different styles to arrive this week, at A. D. MILLER & CO'S.

CANARY BIRDS, best German imported, wholesale and retail, at A. D. MILLER & CO'S.

1,500 ROLL WALL PAPER received this day at A. D. MILLER & CO'S.

Hardware—A large assortment of which is being closed out at reduced rates at REYNOLDS, BRODHEAD & CO'S, No. 11 Centre St., opposite the Post Office, Oil City, Pa.

ALBEMA.—This is a newly discovered mode to be used for a hair dressing, which is said to be superior to anything of the kind yet placed before the public. It renders the hair soft and glossy, and will, it is said, cause the hair to grow on scalp which have long lacked such a covering. It is just as good for hair dye, and yet it will so operate on the roots of the same when applied as to render it more pliant in color and luxuriance in a very brief period of time. It is beyond question a very superior remedy, and will save each the expenditure of any of the who may purchase it.—Scribner's Paper, The Saturday Evening Post, The Boston Herald, The Pittsburg Courier, Wholesale and Retail, Oil City, Pa. For particulars apply to J. W. Carner & Peterson, Jan 4th.

FANCY GOODS, all descriptions, wholesale and retail, at A. D. MILLER & CO'S.

CROCKERY.—For all kinds go to REYNOLDS, BRODHEAD & CO'S, No. 11 Centre street, opposite the Post Office, Oil City, Pa.

Call and examine the fine assortment of SLIPPER PATTERNS at A. S. Smith's Boot & Shoe Store. dec 15-11.

Christmas Gifts!

Gold Watches, Finest American Watches, Musical Instruments, Albums, Plated Ware, Fancy Cutlery, Spectacles, and Pocket Books. Also all kinds of Cigars manufactured. Fancy Smoking Tobacco, and Meerschaum Pipes. All these and a great deal more can be found at J. WOLFE'S Jewelry Store, next door to Sherman House. Dec 11

A large assortment of FINE SEWED BOOTS at A. S. Smith's Boot & Shoe Store. dec 15-11.

DIARIES for 1869 at A. D. MILLER & CO'S.

PAPER AND ENVELOPES at A. D. MILLER & CO'S.

CARPETS, of every quality and description, at REYNOLDS, BRODHEAD & CO'S, No. 11 Centre Street, opposite the P. O., Oil City, Pa.

Excelsior Billiard Parlors. To enjoy a delightful and quiet game of Billiards, go to A. O. Farrah's Fashionable Billiard Parlors, on Washington Street, next door to the Rochester House. These Parlors are within a short distance of most of the principal hotels in Petroleum Centre. may 9-11.

The best place in town to get a pair of Boots made of the best Stock, that will wear well, and warranted to fit, is at J. A. Plante's Fashionable Boot Shop, Washington Street, Petroleum Centre, Pa. Give him a trial. sep 10-11.

CIGARS AND TOBACCO at A. D. MILLER & CO'S.

ISHAM & CO., have the largest stock of REVOLVERS in Venango county. Jan 4th.

NOTICE.

I HAVE this day disposed of my entire interest in the Saloon under the Opera House, to Jacob Risher. I will settle all claims against the Saloon up to this date. Petroleum Centre, Dec. 21th, 1868. Jan 3.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

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Tuesday Eve'g, Jan. 5th, '69,

Will be presented the Nautical Drama,

in two Acts, of

Black-Eyed Susan

WILLIAM, MARK BATES

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To conclude with the legend of the Catskill Mountains, entitled,

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OR THE

SLEEP OF TWENTY YEARS!

RIP VAN WINKLE, J. W. CARNER

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Doors open at 7 o'clock. Performances at 8 o'clock.

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Oil City, Jan. 4, 1869—11

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